

Amendment: D8

Representative **Herbkersman** proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 38 – L040 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Amend

38.14. (DSS: Family Foster Care Payments) The Department of Social Services shall furnish as Family Foster Care payments for individual foster children under their sponsorship and under kinship care:

ages 0-5	\$500 <u>\$605</u> per month
ages 6-12	\$523 <u>\$708</u> per month
ages 13+	\$589 <u>\$747</u> per month

These specified amounts are for the basic needs of the foster children to include kinship care assistance. Basic needs within this proviso are identified as food (at home and away), clothing, housing, transportation, education and other costs as defined in the U.S. Department of Agriculture study of “Annual Cost of Raising a Child to Age Eighteen”. Further, each agency shall identify and justify, as another line item, all material and/or services, in excess of those basic needs listed above, which were a direct result of a professional agency evaluation of clientele need. Legitimate medical care in excess of Medicaid reimbursement or such care not recognized by Medicaid may be considered as special needs if approved by the sponsoring/responsible agency and shall be reimbursed by the sponsoring agency in the same manner of reimbursing other special needs of foster children.